

consisting of a compound having a carboxyl group and the salts thereof and a compound having a sulfonic acid group and the salts thereof.

4. (Cancelled)

REMARKS

Claim 2 is amended to correct a typographical error. The correction is not new matter because the original PCT application, in Japanese, shows that this was merely an error in the translation; moreover, support is found in the specification at p. 8, lines 15-16. As suggested by the Examiner, claims 1 and 3 have been amended to insert "or salt thereof." Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejections have been overcome.

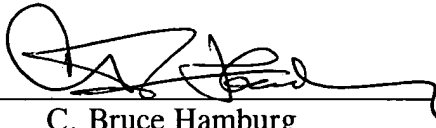
Claim 4 has been cancelled. In the amendment mailed May 6, 2002, claim 3 was amended to be a method claim. It is dependent from claim 1 or 2 and, hence, is allowable with those claims. It, therefore, appears that the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) or 103 rejection is not applicable to the claims as amended.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the application is solicited.

Applicant respectfully requests a two month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$420 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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